

Agenda Item No. 3.1  
For Agenda of Feb. 13, 2007



*Tigard City Council Meeting Minutes*

Date: January 9, 2007  
Time: 7:31 p.m.  
Place: Tigard City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Boulevard  
Tigard, Oregon  
Attending: Mayor Craig Dirksen Presiding  
Councilor Gretchen Buehner  
Councilor Sally Harding  
Councilor Sydney Sherwood  
Councilor Tom Woodruff  
Absent: --

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Business Meeting	<p>1.1 Mayor Dirksen called the City Council and the Local Contract Review Board to order at 7:31 p.m.</p> <p>1.2 Council Present: Mayor Dirksen, Councilors Buehner, Harding, Sherwood, and Woodruff.</p> <p>1.3 Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>1.4 Council Communications &amp; Liaison Reports: None</p> <p>1.5 Call to Council and Staff for Non-Agenda Items: City Manager Prosser advised there were several administrative items listed for Council review (See Agenda Item No. 9)</p>	
2. Oath of Office Ceremony	<p>Municipal Court Judge Michael O'Brien administered oaths of office to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mayor Craig Dirksen</li> <li>♦ Councilor Gretchen Buehner</li> <li>♦ Councilor Sydney Sherwood</li> </ul>	


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<p>3. Presentation in Appreciation for Years of Service to the City of Tigard to Former Councilor Nick Wilson (January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2006)</p>	<p>Mayor Dirksen presented to former Councilor Wilson a framed and engraved pictorial review of projects and events that occurred during Councilor Wilson's tenure.</p> <p>Former Councilor Wilson offered a few remarks on public service and urged people to be active and involved in the community. When he hears someone saying "they" should do something to make life better in the community, people should recognize that we <i>all</i> are "they." He referred to individuals who stepped up to represent their interests and recognized the activism on the part of John Frewing for his conservation efforts and Lisa Hamilton-Treick and Dick Franzke who very nearly formed their own City in an effort to make their community better.</p> <p>Former Councilor Wilson referred to a number of projects that took place while he was on City Council including the formation of the downtown urban renewal district and, while not as much progress was made as he had hoped on 99W, one project was completed. He noted more could be done if the gas tax recently approved by the City Council is sustained should the ordinance be referred to the voters.</p> <p>Councilor Woodruff said that Councilor Wilson was a good example of what a Councilor should be. Councilor Sherwood recalled some memorable times with Councilor Wilson as they started their Council terms together and she said it will be difficult not to have him serving again. Mayor Dirksen again thanked Councilor Wilson and added that "we will be asking for your help" on some upcoming City projects.</p>	
<p>4. Inaugural Remarks</p>	<p><b>Mayor Dirksen:</b> Thanked the citizens for his reelection and for the reelection of Councilor Sherwood and the election of Councilor Buehner. He said that being reelected, he hoped, indicated some tacit approval of the past actions of the City Council. He noted he would be giving a State of the City address later in the meeting outlining some of</p>	

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	<p>the plans the City Council has for the City of Tigard. He concluded by thanking his family and friends for their support.</p> <p><b><u>Councilor Buehner:</u></b> She thanked the voters for electing her and said she has been involved with the City of Tigard for about ten years beginning her service on the Vision Task Force. She noted issues for the City including the impacts of growth and transportation planning. She referred to her service as a Planning Commissioner and said she was glad the Comprehensive Plan update was underway and she looks forward to implementing the revised Plan. Councilor Buehner also served on the Downtown Task Force as the representative from the Planning Commission and she looks forward to her service on City Council when it is time to consider implementing the policies and recommendations of the Task Force. She referred to work done by the Transportation Financial Strategies Task Force, which she chaired. The Task Force recently finished a review about how to go about alleviating the congestion on 99W and recommended that City Council pass a gas tax to finance a project at Greenburg Road/99W. She said she hopes the gas tax is upheld. Councilor Buehner concluded her remarks by thanking her family, friends and business associates for their support.</p> <p><b><u>Councilor Sherwood:</u></b> She said she had not intended to run for another term of office, but she was persuaded to serve for a second term when there were so few candidates who came forward. She said she loves this City, which has been her home for the last 35 years. She said former Councilor Wilson's experience will be missed on the Council. It takes a lot of patience to serve on the City Council because everything takes years to accomplish. She noted she was looking forward to continued progress on the Comprehensive Plan update and the downtown urban renewal. She thanked her family for their support.</p>	

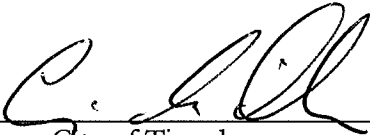
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5. Elect Council President	<p>Mayor Dirksen announced it was now time to elect the Council President to serve for the next two years.</p> <p>The Tigard City Charter states: At its first meeting of each odd-numbered year, the council by ballot shall choose a president from its membership. In the mayor's absence from a council meeting, the president shall perform the duties of the office of mayor and preside over it. Whenever the mayor is physically or mentally unable to perform the functions of office, the president shall act as the mayor pro tem.</p>	<p>Councilor Woodruff nominated Councilor Sherwood for Council President. Councilor Buehner seconded the nomination.</p> <p>The City Council members marked their ballots and gave them to the City Recorder. All City Council members present voted for Councilor Sherwood, who will serve as Council President from January 9, 2007 to December 31, 2008.</p>
6. Citizen Communication	<p>➤ Tigard High School Student Envoy Jasmina Dizdarevik presented a City Council Student Report. A copy of her report is on file in the City Recorder's office.</p> <p>➤ Follow-up to previous Citizen Communications: City Manager Prosser advised that on December 19, 2006, Mr. Kevin Saier noted concerns about the possibility of a residential homeowner constructing a tower or antenna structure of any height on residential property. A Director's Interpretation was issued that addresses Mr. Saier's concerns. Community Development Director Coffee contacted Mr. Saier.</p>	
7. Consent Agenda	<p>Mayor Dirksen reviewed the following Consent Agenda:</p> <p>7.1 Approve Council Minutes for November 28 and December 11, 2006</p> <p>7.2 Receive and File:</p> <p>a. Council Calendar</p> <p>b. Council Meeting Tentative Agenda</p> <p>7.3 Appoint Budget Committee Members – Resolution No. 07-01</p> <p>7.4 Local Contract Review Board: Award of Contract for Architect/Engineer/Construction Manager of Record</p>	<p>Motion by Councilor Harding, seconded by Councilor Sherwood, to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of Council present.</p> <p>Mayor Dirksen Yes</p> <p>Councilor Buehner Yes</p> <p>Councilor Harding Yes</p> <p>Councilor Sherwood Yes</p> <p>Councilor Woodruff Yes</p>

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8. State of the City Address	Mayor Dirksen delivered the 2007 State of the City Address. A copy of his speech is attached and marked as "Attachment A."	
9. Non Agenda Items	<p>&gt; Administrative Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mayor Dirksen will be serving as the liaison to the Washington County Coordinating Committee</li> <li>◆ City Council Liaison Assignments to Boards, Committees and Task Forces. The following assignments were decided upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget Committee – All of City Council are members of the Budget Committee</li> <li>○ Building Appeals Board – No liaison; this Board meets infrequently</li> <li>○ City Center Advisory Commission – Councilor Sherwood</li> <li>○ Fanno Creek Master Plan Steering Committee – Councilor Sherwood</li> <li>○ Committee for Citizen Involvement – Mayor Dirksen</li> <li>○ Highway 99W Citizen Advisory Committee – Councilor Buehner</li> <li>○ Library Board – Councilor Harding</li> <li>○ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Woodruff</li> <li>○ Planning Commission – Councilor Buehner</li> <li>○ Tigard Youth Advisory Council – Councilor Harding</li> <li>○ Transportation Financing Strategies Task Force – Councilor Buehner</li> <li>○ Tree Board – Councilor Harding</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ City Manager Prosser announced that Mayor Dirksen had edited the City Council goals. Councilor Harding advised she also had changes she would send to City Manager Prosser.</li> <li>◆ City Council will select a date next week for the team building meeting with consultant Joe Hertzberg.</li> <li>◆ Mayor Dirksen announced he would be out of town the week of February 5.</li> <li>◆ In response to an inquiry from Councilor Buehner, City Manager Prosser advised that Planning Commission and City Center</li> </ul>	

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	Advisory Commission appointments are scheduled on the January 23, 2007, City Council agenda.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.	<p>Motion by Councilor Woodruff, seconded by Councilor Sherwood, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of Council present.</p> <p>Mayor Dirksen        Yes  Councilor Buehner    Yes  Councilor Harding    Yes  Councilor Sherwood   Yes  Councilor Woodruff   Yes</p>

  
Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:

  
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Mayor, City of Tigard

Date: 2.13.07

State of the City

January, 2007

It's been three years since I was appointed Mayor after the death of Jim Griffith, and six years since I was first elected to city council. At that time I told voters that the only real issue we had was growth. All our other issues were just the result of growth, whether it be land use, or economic vitality, or transportation, or whatever, it was really all about growth. I said that if I had my preference, we would turn Tigard back to the way it was 20 years ago, and keep it that way, but we needed to realize, that wasn't a realistic attitude. And I said that it wouldn't do any good to hate growth, or try to ignore it, or try to stop it. The population of the United States has grown from 200 million people to 300 million just since 1967, and today we are told that the population of the Portland area is going to increase by another one million people over the next 25 years. And I said, that growth was going to happen regardless of how we felt about it, and our only real choice was either to work to manage it and use it to our advantage or to stand by and have no control over it.

In the six years since I said that, I haven't seen or heard anything that makes me believe any differently. But I'm happy to say that in those same six years the city has made many positive steps to deal with growth in positive ways.

We've been the most active in the area of land use. Since January 2001, we've completed the Washington Square Regional Center plan, created a Downtown Improvement Plan and formed an Urban Renewal District to implement it. And we're grateful to the citizens for passing the tax increment measure that will help fund the public improvements in that plan. We've revised our Planned Development process, and we're halfway through a complete overhaul of the city's Comprehensive Plan, the "blueprint" for the City. That revision will put the plan in line with the results of the Tigard Beyond Tomorrow visioning process, and will guide development in keeping with Tigard Citizen's wants and needs. And through the efforts of Council and Staff, the City of Tigard has a higher profile and more influence in state and regional planning than ever before, meaning that **Your** voices are being heard more loudly when decisions are made at Metro and in Salem.

In the area of Transportation, we've worked with Washington County and Trimet to secure funding for and begin construction of the Westside Commuter Rail System that will tie Tigard and the rest of southeast Washington County into Portland's Light Rail System. We're working with the State of Oregon to find solutions to the congestion on highway 99, and recently Council decided to institute our own local gas tax – money collected here to be spent **here** - to provide funding for the first of those solutions. And we've finally found a way to provide adequate on-going maintenance to our existing system of streets and roads.

During all this time, we've worked hard to hold the line on costs while providing the services that Tigard's residents want, managing so far to do so within the limits of our basic tax rate coupled with fair fees and charges, and without having to come to the voters for additional property tax revenue.

As Tigard matures as a community and moves toward development build-out, you and I have the opportunity and privilege of being the generation to put the "finishing touches" on our city and create the character that Tigard will have for decades to come. For this to work we need citizens to continue to be involved on advisory boards and committees, to volunteer for specific projects and tasks and to let your thoughts be known through your attendance at meetings or sending us your ideas and concerns.

During the next four years it is my goal to guide the City safely down this road that we have chosen together. And as always, it will remain the City's mission to provide the best possible service to its citizens at the lowest possible cost.

God bless you all, and God bless the City of Tigard.